

0.1 Sets

Def: A set is well-defined collection of objects

→ we use letters $A, B, C, D, \dots, X, Y, N, \dots$ to give names for sets

→ Members of any set are called elements

→ The elements of any set are ordered between braces $\{ \}$

Exp Consider the set

$$\textcircled{1} A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ is member of } A &\Rightarrow 1 \in A \\ 2 &= \quad = \quad = A \Rightarrow 2 \in A \\ 3 &= \quad = \quad = A \Rightarrow 3 \in A \\ 4 &= \quad = \quad = A \Rightarrow 4 \in A \\ 5 &= \quad = \quad = A \Rightarrow 5 \in A \end{aligned}$$

*A has 5 elements
so A is finite set*

$$\Rightarrow 6 \text{ is not member of } A \Rightarrow 6 \notin A$$

$$\textcircled{2} B = \{x, y, z\}$$

B has 3 elements \Rightarrow so B is finite set

$$\textcircled{3} C = \{x : x \text{ is even between 1 and 17}\}$$

$$= \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16\}$$

C has 8 elements \Rightarrow so C is finite set

④ $N = \{t : t \text{ is natural number}\}$

$= \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

we can not list all elements \Rightarrow so N is infinite set

⑤ $D = \{t : t \text{ is odd natural number}\}$

$= \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$

D is infinite set

⑥ E is the set of all natural numbers less than 7

$E = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} = \{x : x \text{ is natural less than } 7\}$

E is finite set

⑦ $F = \{x : x \text{ is even between } 7 \text{ and } 9\}$

$= \{8\}$

$\Rightarrow F$ is finite

$= \{x : x = 8\}$

$\Rightarrow F$ is singleton set

⑧ $X = \{y : y \text{ is natural odd less than } 1\}$

$= \emptyset$

$= \{ \}$

X is empty set or null set

⑨ write the set $\{x : x \text{ is natural number less than } 8\}$ using second way

$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

* Two sets X and Y are **equal** if they contain the same elements

Exp $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $Y = \{c, b, a, d\}$ are equal $\Rightarrow X = Y$

$A = \{\text{Red, Blue, Yellow}\}$ and $Y = \{\text{Yellow, Red, Blue}\}$ are equal $\Rightarrow A = B$

* The set A is subset of B, $A \subseteq B$, if every element in A is in B

Exp $A = \{2, 4, \text{red, blue}\}$, $B = \{2, 4, 6, \text{red, yellow, blue}\}$

$\Rightarrow A \subseteq B$, $A \subseteq A$, $B \subseteq B$, $\emptyset \subseteq A$, $\emptyset \subseteq B$

* The empty set is subset of every set

* Each set is subset of itself

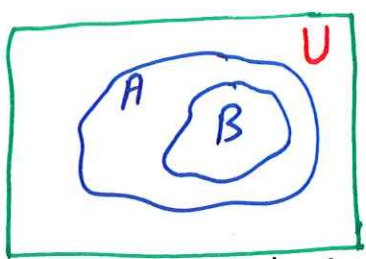
* If the sets C and D have no elements in common, then they are called **disjoint**.

Exp $C = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$, $D = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$

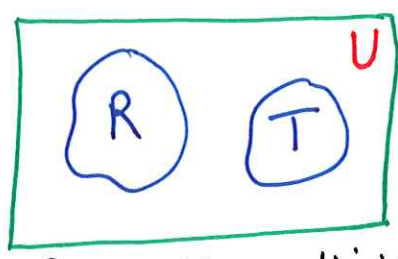
$\Rightarrow C$ and D are disjoint

* The largest set which contains all subsets is called **universal set** denoted by **U**

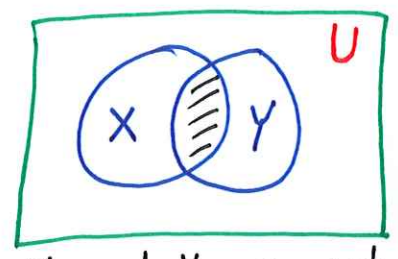
* To illustrate the relationships among sets we use **Venn diagrams**



B is subset of A
 $B \subseteq A$



R and T are disjoint



X and Y are not disjoint

Set Intersection

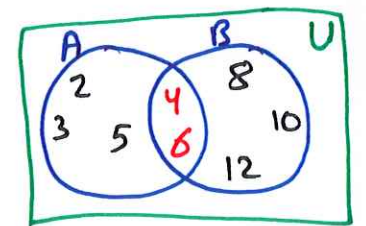
* The set intersection of A and B is defined by

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

Exp Find $A \cap B$ if ① $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $B = \{4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$

$$A \cap B = \{4, 6\}$$

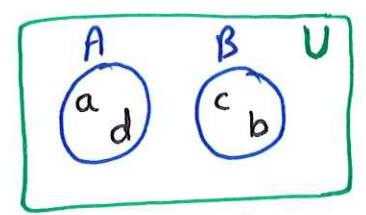
Note that $A \cap B \subseteq A$
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② $A = \{a, d\}$ and $B = \{b, c\}$

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

Note that $A \cap B \subseteq A$
 $A \cap B \subseteq B$



③ $A = \{3, 6\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$A \cap B = A = \{3, 6\}$$

Set Union

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* The union of A and B is defined by

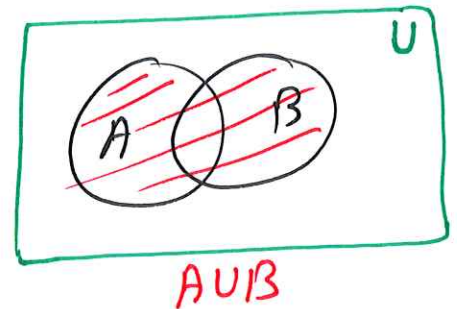
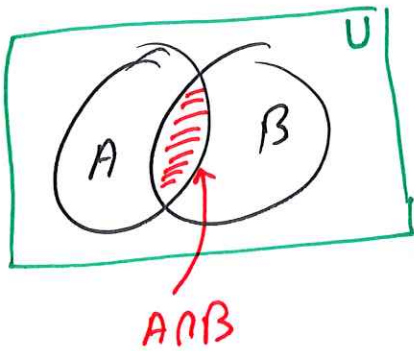
$$A \cup B = \{x: x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

or means one or the other or both

Exp Find $A \cup B$ if $A = \{a, b, c, f\}$ and $B = \{e, f, a, b\}$

$$A \cup B = \{a, b, c, e, f\}$$

Exp Use Venn diagrams to illustrate the intersection and union of any two sets A and B



Exp Find $A \cup B$ if

① $A = \emptyset$, $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$\Rightarrow A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = B$$

② $A = \{x: x \text{ is natural number greater than } 5\}$

$B = \{x: x \text{ is natural number less than } 5\}$

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$$A = \{6, 7, 8, 9, \dots\}, B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots\} = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{5\}$$

Note that $A \cap B = \emptyset$

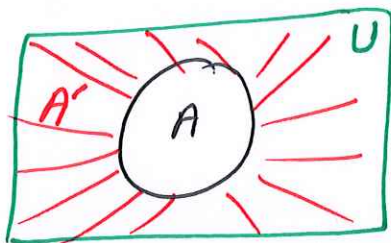
Set Complement

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* The complement of A is defined by

$$A' = \{x : x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A\}$$

Exp Use Venn diagram to illustrate the complement of any set.



Exp Let $U = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x < 10\}$, $A = \{1, 3, 6\}$, $B = \{1, 6, 8, 9\}$

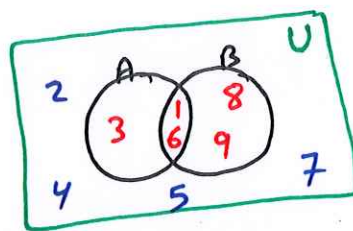
Find (1) A' (2) B' (3) $(A \cap B)'$ (4) $A' \cup B'$ (5) $(A \cup B)'$

$$U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

(6) $A' \cap B'$

(1) $A' = \{2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$

(2) $B' = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$



(3) $A \cap B = \{1, 6\} \Rightarrow (A \cap B)' = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$

(4) $A' \cup B' = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$

(5) $A \cup B = \{1, 3, 6\} \cup \{1, 6, 8, 9\} = \{1, 3, 6, 8, 9\}$

$(A \cup B)' = \{2, 4, 5, 7\}$ ✓

(6) $A' \cap B' = \{2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\} \cap \{2, 4, 3, 5, 7\}$
 $= \{2, 4, 5, 7\}$ ✓

(7) $A - B = A \cap B' = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\} = \{3\}$

Exp (Application)

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Records office at small college shows the following data about the enrollments of 50 first year students in Math and Economics:

36 students take math

21 students take math and economics

4 students do not take neither math nor economics

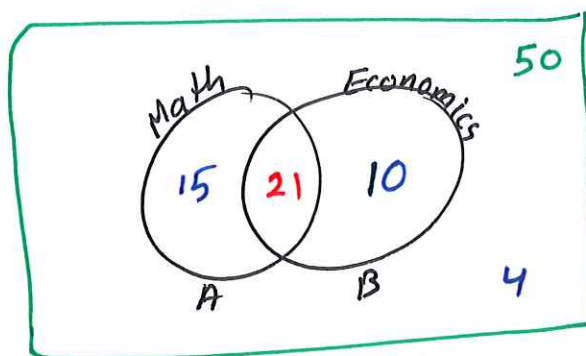
① How many students take only math

② How many students take economics

① $A \cap B$ contains 21 students

A contains 36 students

$36 - 21 = 15$ students take only math



A: Math

B: Economics

② $50 - 15 - 21 - 4 = 10$

students take only economics

21 students take economics and math

31 students

take economics

Exp Let A be set of multiple of 2

P be set of all prime numbers

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$$B = \{x: x = 4n+1 \text{ where } n \text{ is natural } 1 \leq n \leq 5\}$$

Find ① $A \cap B$ ② $P \cap B$ ③ which sets are disjoint
④ Find elements in B but not in A and not in P

$$A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, \dots\}$$

$$P = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, \dots\}$$

$$B = \{5, 9, 13, 17, 21\} \text{ since } n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$\textcircled{1} A \cap B = \{\} = \emptyset$$

$$\textcircled{2} P \cap B = \{5, 13, 17\}$$

③ A and B are disjoint since $A \cap B = \emptyset$
 $A \cap P = \{2\}$ so A and P are not disjoint

$$\textcircled{4} \begin{array}{l} 9 \in B \text{ but } 9 \notin A \text{ and } 9 \notin P \\ 21 \in B \text{ but } 21 \notin A \text{ and } 21 \notin P \end{array} \Rightarrow \{9, 21\}$$